GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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PROCUREMENT OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether equipments which were to be purchased by the Safdarjung Hospital years ago could not be purchased inspite of availability of funds;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and the policy framed by the Government in this regard ;

(c) whether any persons have been found guilty in the internal audit of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences ;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof ;

(e) the action taken against the persons found guilty in the said audit;

(f) whether the Government has evolved any scheme to conduct internal audit of all the Central Government Hospitals of the National Capital Region; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b): Purchase of costly equipments including imported equipments for the Central Government hospitals is done after following all codal formalities as laid down in the rules. In case of the Safdarjung Hospital, after following all codal formalities, orders were placed for the procurement of MRI (Rs. 6.24 crores), Cobalt Therapy Machine (Unit-I) (Rs. 2.10 crores), Cobalt Therapy Machine (Unit-II) (Rs. 2.20 crores), Brachy Therapy (Rs. 1.00 crore) and Back Alert 3-D System (Rs. 0.28 crores) during the year 2004-05. Out of these Back Alert 3-D system was installed in the Hospital in March, 2005. Cobalt Therapy Machine (Unit-I) was in the process of being installed. Procurement process for remaining costly equipment however could not be completed during that financial year due to procedural delays. As the financial year ended on 31.03.05, funds kept for these equipments could not be utilized and as such, Safdarjung Hospital had to surrender Rs. 12.07 crores last year. In such cases, procurement process is continued into the next year.

(c) to (e): Yes, Sir. As a result of internal Audit, two persons were found guilty. One of them had already retired and as such case against him was closed while the other person was awarded penalty of Censure in consultation with Central Vigilance Commission.

(f) & (g): There is an Internal Audit team in the Office of Chief Controller of Accounts in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare which conducts the Internal Accounts Audit of the Central Government Hospitals in Delhi.